

Legislative Regulation Review Committee

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Department of Public Health

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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Concerning School Immunization Requirements SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Section 1. Section 10-204a-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

10-204a-1. Definitions

As used in [sections] sections 10-204a-2 through 10-204a-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

- (a) "Commissioner" means the [commissioner] Commissioner of [public health.] Public Health.
- (b) "Department" means the [department] Department of [public health.] Public Health.
- (c) "Local health authority" means and includes the town, city, borough and local district director of health, local superintendent and commissioner of public health and any officer or person having the usual powers and duties of a local director of health.
- [(d)] "Medically contraindicated immunization" means an immunization that is not in the best health interest of an individual as determined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States and in accordance with:
 - (1) the then current recommendation of the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control or American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases; or
 - (2) written approval of the commissioner for any case not resolvable by reference to the recommendations specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection.]

Sec. 2. Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

10-204a-2a. Adequate immunization

- (a) Measles. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against measles if that individual:
 - (1) is enrolled in preschool [and is less than four (4) years of age] and was immunized by use of one (1) dose of live attenuated measles vaccine on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - (2) on or after August 1, 2011, is [or has been] enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 [on or after August 2000] and was immunized against measles by use of two (2) doses of a live attenuated measles vaccine given at least [thirty (30)] twenty-eight (28) days apart, the first on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - (3) [is or has been enrolled in seventh grade after September 1992 and had two (2) doses of a live attenuated measles vaccine, the first on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - (4)] has had protection against measles confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on specific blood testing by a certified laboratory.
- (b) Rubella. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against rubella, if that individual:
 - (1) is enrolled in preschool and was immunized [at one (1) year or older with a] by use of one (1) dose of live attenuated rubella vaccine on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - (2) on or after August 1, 2011, is enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 and was immunized against rubella by use of two (2) doses of a live attenuated rubella vaccine given at least twenty-eight (28) days apart, the first on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - (3) has had protection against rubella confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on specific blood testing [conducted] by a certified laboratory.
- (c) Poliomyelitis
 - (1) An individual eighteen (18) months of age or older shall be considered adequately protected against poliomyelitis if that individual has had a minimum of (3) doses of either trivalent oral polio vaccine (TOPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), two (2) doses of polio vaccine given at least four (4) weeks apart and a third dose given at least two (2) months after the previous dose.
 - (2) For individuals enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) and at least forty-eight (48) months of age, at least one (1) dose of polio vaccine must be given on or after the fourth birthday.
- (d) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis [(DTP)]
 - (1) An individual eighteen to [seventy-one (18-71)] eighty-three (18-83) months of age shall be considered adequately protected against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis if such individual was immunized with a minimum of four (4) doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis [toxoid] containing vaccine, three (3) doses given at a minimum of four (4) week intervals followed by a fourth [(DTP)] dose at least six (6) months after the third.
 - (2) For individuals [forty eight (48) to seventy-one (48-71) months of age and] enrolled in grades kindergarten and above, at least one (1) dose of [(DTP)] diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis containing vaccine must have been given on or after the fourth birthday.
 - (3) An individual [seventy-two (72)] eighty-four (84) months of age or older shall be considered adequately protected if such individual was immunized with a minimum of two (2) doses of tetanus, diphtheria toxoid [(td)] at a minimum of four (4) week intervals, followed by a third dose of tetanus, diphtheria toxoid at least six (6) months after the second dose [and on or after the fourth birthday].

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- (4) On or after August 1, 2011, an individual eleven (11) years of age or older enrolled in the seventh grade shall show proof of one (1) dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis containing vaccine in addition to completion of the recommended primary diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis containing vaccination series unless such individual has a medical exemption for this dose confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on having last received diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis containing vaccine less than five (5) years earlier and no increased risk of pertussis according to the most recent standards of care for immunizations in Connecticut as prescribed in section 19a-7f of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (e) Mumps. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against mumps if such individual:
- (1) is enrolled in preschool and was immunized [at one (1) year or older with] by use of one (1) dose of live attenuated mumps vaccine on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - (2) on or after August 1, 2011, is enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 and was immunized against mumps by use of two (2) doses of a live attenuated mumps vaccine given at least twenty-eight (28) days apart, the first on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - [(2)](3) has had protection against rubella confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on specific blood testing [conducted] by a certified laboratory
- (f) Hemophilus influenzae Type b (Hib). An individual shall be considered adequately protected against Hib invasive disease if such individual:
- (1) was immunized before age five (5) years with a single dose of Hib vaccine given at age twelve (12) months or older, or
 - (2) is currently age five (5) years or older, or
 - (3) had a natural laboratory confirmed infection with hemophilus influenzae type b at age twenty-four (24) months or older confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.
- (g) Hepatitis B [(HBV)]. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against hepatitis B if such individual:
- (1) [An individual born January 1, 1994, or later shall be considered adequately protected against Hepatitis B if that individual:]
 - [(A)] is enrolled in preschool through grade 12 and was immunized with three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine as follows: two (2) doses given at least four (4) weeks apart followed by a third dose at least sixteen (16) weeks after the first dose and at least eight (8) weeks after the second dose, and the third dose shall be given no earlier than twenty-four (24) weeks of age; or
 - [(B)] has had protection against Hepatitis B confirmed in writing by a physician based on specific blood testing conducted by a certified laboratory.]
 - (2) [An individual born before January 1, 1994, and enrolled in seventh (7th) grade in August 2000 or later, shall have begun vaccination against Hepatitis B to enter seventh (7th) grade. Such individual shall be considered to have begun vaccination against Hepatitis B if that individual:
 - (A) was immunized with at least one (1) dose of Hepatitis B vaccine at the time of seventh (7th) grade entry; or
 - (B) has had protection against Hepatitis B confirmed in writing by specific blood testing conducted by a certified laboratory.
 - (3) An individual born before January 1, 1994 and enrolled in eighth (8th) grade in August 2001 or later, shall be adequately protected against Hepatitis B to enter eighth (8th) grade. Such individual shall be considered adequately protected against Hepatitis B if that individual:
 - (A) was immunized with at least three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine as follows: two (2) doses given at least four weeks apart followed by a third dose at least sixteen (16) weeks after the first dose and at least eight (8) weeks after the second dose, and the third dose shall be given no earlier than twenty-four (24) weeks of age; or
 - (B)] has had protection against [Hepatitis] hepatitis B confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on specific blood testing [conducted] by a certified laboratory.
- (h) Varicella. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against [Varicella] varicella if that individual:
- (1) is enrolled in preschool and was immunized with one (1) dose of live attenuated varicella vaccine on or after that individual's first birthday; or
 - [(1)](2) [was born January 1, 1997 or later] on or before July 31, 2011, is enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 and was immunized with one (1) dose of live attenuated [Varicella] varicella vaccine on or after that individual's first birthday [and before that individual's thirteenth birthday or two (2) doses of varicella vaccine given at least four weeks apart if the first dose was given on or after the individual's thirteenth birthday]; or
 - [(2)](3) [was born before January 1, 1997] on or after August 1, 2011, [and] is enrolled in [seventh (7th) grade on or after August 2000 or later] kindergarten and was immunized [with one (1) dose of Varicella] against varicella by use of two (2) doses of live attenuated varicella vaccine given at least three (3) months apart, the first dose on or after that individual's first birthday [and before that individual's thirteenth birthday or two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine given at least four weeks apart if the first dose was given on or after the individual's thirteenth birthday]; or
 - [(3)](4) [has a written statement signed and dated by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that the individual has already had varicella based on family and/or medical history; or] on or after August 1, 2011, is enrolled in seventh (7th) grade and was immunized with two doses of live attenuated varicella vaccine given at least three (3) months apart, the first dose on or after that individual's first birthday and before that individual's thirteenth birthday

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or two (2) doses of live attenuated varicella vaccine given at least twenty eight (28) days apart if the first dose was given on or after the individual's thirteenth birthday; or

[(4)](5) [has had protection against Varicella confirmed in writing by a specific blood testing conducted by certified laboratory.] on or after August 1, 2011, is enrolled in preschool or kindergarten and has a written statement signed and dated by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that the individual has already had varicella based on diagnosis of varicella or verification of history of varicella according to the most recent standards of care for immunizations in Connecticut as prescribed in section 19a-7f of the Connecticut General Statutes;

or

(6) has had protection against varicella confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on specific blood testing by a certified laboratory; or

(7) has a written statement signed and dated by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that the individual has a history of herpes zoster; or

(8) is enrolled in seventh grade on or after August 1, 2011 and has a written statement signed and dated by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that the individual has already had varicella based on family or medical history.

(i) Hepatitis A. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against hepatitis A if that individual:

(1) was born on or after January 1, 2007, is enrolled in preschool or kindergarten on or after August 1, 2011, and was immunized with at least two (2) doses of hepatitis A virus vaccine given at least six (6) months apart, the first dose given on or after that individual's first birthday; or

(2) has had protection against hepatitis A confirmed in writing by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse based on specific blood testing by a certified laboratory.

(j) Pneumococcal disease. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against pneumococcal disease if that individual:

(1) was born on or after January 1, 2007, is enrolled in preschool or kindergarten on or after August 1, 2011 and was immunized with one dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the individual's first birthday; or

(2) is currently age five (5) years or older.

(k) Influenza (Flu). On or after August 1, 2011, an individual enrolled in preschool shall be considered adequately protected against flu if that individual is not less than twenty-four (24) months and not more than fifty-nine (59) months of age and annually has received one (1) dose of flu vaccine between August 1st and December 31st, except that individuals receiving flu vaccine for the first time must be given a second dose at least twenty-eight (28) days after the first dose.

(l) Meningococcal disease. An individual shall be considered adequately protected against meningococcal disease if that individual is enrolled in seventh (7th) grade on or after August 1, 2011 and was immunized with at least one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

(m) Religious exemption. Any individual whose parents or guardian presents a statement that such immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of such child is exempted from immunization requirements.

(n) Medical exemption. Any individual whose parents or guardian presents a statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States that such immunization is medically contraindicated in accordance with the current recommendation of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices shall be exempted from immunization requirements.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-204a-3a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

10-204a-3a. Immunization in progress

(a) In those instances at school entry where a school-aged child is not adequately immunized school attendance shall be permitted only if that child:

(1) has received a dose of each required vaccine for which that child is behind in the month prior to first attendance; and

(2) continues on the [following] catch-up schedule recommended in the most recent standards of care for immunizations in Connecticut as prescribed in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-7f of the Connecticut General Statutes until adequately immunized.

[Primary Immunization for Individuals Not Immunized in Early Infancy Individuals Enrolled in Preschool]

First visit to physician or local health authority:

DtaP (or DTP), TOPV or
IPV, Hib, MMR, HBV *, VAR

One (1) month after first visit:

DtaP (or DTP), HBV*, VAR

Two (2) months after first visit:

DtaP (or DTP), TOPV or
IPV

Eight (8) months after first visit:

DtaP (or DTP), TOPV or
IPV, HBV*

Individuals Enrolled in Kindergarten or Elementary School up to Seventy-one (71) Months of Age

First visit to physician or local health authority:

DtaP (or DTP), TOPV or

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IPV, MMR, HBV, *

One (1) month after first visit:

DtaP (or DTP), HBV*, VAR

Two (2) months after first visit:

DtaP (or DTP), TOPV or
IPV, MMR

Eight (8) months after first visit:

DtaP (or DTP), TOPV or
IPV, HBV, *

Individuals Six (6) Years up to Thirteen (13) of Age

First visit to physician or local health authority:

Td, TOPV or IPV, MMR,
HBV *

Two (2) months after first visit:

Td, TOPV or IPV, HBV, *
MMR, VAR

Eight (8) months after first visit:

Td, [TOPV or] IPV, HBV, *

Individuals Thirteen Years of Age or Older

First visit to physician or local health authority:

Td, TOPV or IPV, MMR,
HBV *, VAR

Two (2) months after first visit:

Td, TOPV or IPV, HBV *,
MMR, VAR

Eight (8) months after first visit:

Td, TOPV or IPV, HBV *

*The full three (3) dose schedule for HBV is required only for children born January 1, 1994, or later, or for children entering 8th grade August 2001 or later. In those instances at entry to seventh grade, or at entry to kindergarten August 2000 or later, where an individual has not received a second dose of measles containing vaccine, a second dose shall be given. If an individual has received no measles containing vaccines, the second dose shall be given no less than thirty (30) days after the first.]

Statement of Purpose:

Statement of Purpose: (A) The purpose of the regulation is to update the school immunization requirements to be consistent with recently revised national recommendations established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians and CGS Section 19a-7f, (B) the regulation will add several new requirements (second dose of mumps, rubella and varicella containing vaccine for Kindergarten and 7th grade entry, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster vaccination and meningococcal vaccine for 7th grade entry, and pneumococcal, influenza and hepatitis A vaccine for preschool and Kindergarten entry); modify recommendations for timing and administration measles, mumps, and varicella vaccines; and revise the schedule for catch-up immunization. (C) The proposed revisions amend sections 10-204a-1 through 10-204a-3a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Be it known that the foregoing:

☒ Regulations

☐ Emergency Regulations

are:

☐ Adopted

☒ Amended as hereinabove stated

☐ Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

☒ Sections 10-204 of the General Statutes.

☐ Section of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act. No. of the Public Acts.

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After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on July 28, 2009 the notice of the proposal to:

☐ Adopt

☒ Amend

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(If applicable): ☐ And the holding of an advertised public hearing on

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

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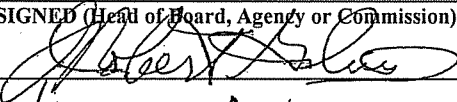
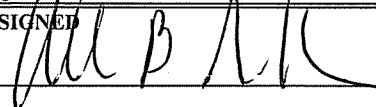
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☒ When filed with the Secretary of the State.

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☐ The day of 20 .

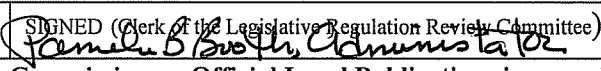
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Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.:	SIGNED 	2/24/10	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED ASAG, ATTY GENERAL

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

☐ Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)

☒ Rejected without prejudice

The Legislative Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes	DATE 5/25/2010	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee) 
Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes.		
DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY

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Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the General Statutes.

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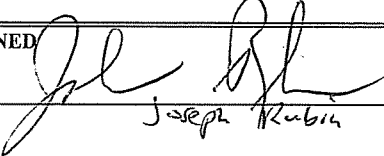
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[X] Regulations [] Emergency Regulations
are:
[] Adopted [X] Amended as hereinabove stated [] Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:
[X] Sections 10-204 of the General Statutes.
[] Section of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act. No. of the Public Acts.
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